

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3011 - HB 3265

February 23, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines "indigence income," for the purpose of determining indigence or medical indigence, to mean an amount not to exceed 130 percent, rather than 100 percent, of the federal poverty guidelines.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The definition of indigence income impacts the outcome of calculations for the disbursement of funds in the Trauma Fund, created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-59-105, to the facilities that provide indigent care.
- Increasing the threshold for individuals to qualify as indigent could affect the amounts paid to individual facilities out of the Fund; however, Fund appropriations will not be affected. As of June 30, 2011, the Fund had a balance of \$2,681,200.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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